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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disp sition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-85 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Pri rity under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-85 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of a new reference.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over <http://www.diamonddtalk.com/forums/t5101-millionsfindandcelebrateonlinehisvalentinesday.html> (Aol).

Regarding claim 1, Aol teaches "A method in a data processing system for an organization to provide anonymity to a user, the method comprising the data processing system implemented steps of: receiving a request from the user for an ...; generating the ... for the user, wherein the ... includes contact information for the organization;

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associating the ... with the user, wherein the user uses the ... to provide information on a network data processing system; receiving a contact directed to the ...; and selectively forwarding the contact to the user based on a policy (section "Activating SSL encryption", i.e. selecting alias for the key-pair file)."

These passages of Aol do not teach "anonymous identity" in the sense of the claim.

Nevertheless, it was well known at the time to use screennames as anonymous identity for the motivation of privacy and even for the motivation of safety (as some of the Love@AOL users are wary of other online persons).

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify Aol for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2 (Web server, etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers.

Regarding claim 3 (billing, etc.), such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of e-commerce across computers. Regarding claims 4-13, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers.

Regarding claim 14, Aol teaches "A method in a data processing system for providing anonymity to a user, the method comprising the data processing system implemented steps of: receiving a contact, wherein the contact includes an identification of an entity; comparing the identification of an entity in the contact to a database of ...;

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and responsive to identifying the user, selectively forwarding the contact to the user based on a policy.”

These passages of Aol do not teach “aliases” in the sense of the claim.

Nevertheless, it was well known at the time to use screennames as aliases for the motivation of privacy and even for the motivation of safety (as some of the Love@AOL users are wary of other online persons).

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify Aol for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 15-76, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers.

Regarding claim 77, Aol teaches “A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing anonymity to a user, the computer program product comprising: first instructions for receiving a contact, wherein the contact includes an identification of an entity; second instructions for comparing the identification of an entity in the contact to a database of ...; and third instructions, responsive to identifying the user, for selectively forwarding the contact to the user based on a policy”

These passages of Aol do not teach “aliases” in the sense of the claim.

Nevertheless, it was well known at the time to use screennames as aliases for the motivation of privacy and even for the motivation of safety (as some of the Love@AOL users are wary of other online persons).

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Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to modify Aol for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 77-85, such particular features are well known in the art for the purpose of handling information across computers.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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Patent Examiner

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